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andria, Virginia as second class mat-
ter.KING GEORGE ON
THE FIRING LINE.

The announcement that the young King of England is now at Flanders and exposing himself on the firing line, shows that the sovereign, although reared amid luxury and attended in soft clothing, inherits the spirit of his long line of ancestors. He may not possess the athletic powers of an Alexander nor be able to tame a Bucephalus, but his presence among his soldiers who are fighting for old England will add no little to their enthusiasm.

It is a mistake to suppose that young men who have been reared in palaces lack nerve, or that youths who spend their early years in quiet commercial pursuits are deficient in the courage necessary for the battlefield. Some of the most courageous soldiers in the northern and southern armies during our civil war had been reared at their mother's apron strings and were regarded by their thoughtless acquaintances as effeminate.

All men do not avail themselves of the places of safety their positions entitle them during wars. Napoleon was in the thickest of the fray at the bridge of Lodi, and on other occasions his men had to catch the bridle of his horse and forcibly lead him out of the zone of flying bullets. Robert E. Lee at times was compelled to submit to the same treatment.

The young King George shows no disposition to evade the dangers which are forced upon his more humble countrymen, and he is mingling with them and taking the chances of war.

The story of the combat between Achilles and Hector is thrilling and a valuable adjunct to our nursery literature. That, however, was simply a gladiatorial bout. But the sovereign who voluntarily braves shells, and modern armaments has as strong a nerve as either the Greek or the Trojan.

NEW ORLEANS AS
A TERMINAL.

The announcement elsewhere in the Gazette that President Fairfax Harrison of the Southern Railway is engaged in negotiations looking to making New Orleans the terminal for the great system under his control, in order to secure a portion of the coming trade with South America, will be read with interest.

The vast growth of the Southern Railway, the main stem of which passes through Alexandria, brings to mind the inception of what is now known as the Washington Division of the great system which in this day gridirons the southern country.

About the year 1850 the late George H. Smoot, a prominent and enterprising citizen of Alexandria, then President of the old Orange and Alexandria Railroad, stuck a shovel in Wilkes street, between Fairfax and Lee, which was the initial work of the present Wilkes street tunnel, and practically the beginning of the work upon the road.

Many people gathered in the neighborhood to watch the ceremonies. Later the first locomotive for use on the road was turned out at Smith & Perkins's shops which stood upon the site now occupied by the electric light plant at the foot of Wolfe street. A spur track had been constructed from the shops to the Union street tracks and most of the people of Alexandria gathered in the vicinity to witness the performance of the "Pioneer," generally known as the "Betsey," the first engine used upon the road.

The originators of the road never extended farther south than Charlottesville where it was to tap the Virginia Central now the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, for the purpose of connecting with the west and Richmond.

Before the outbreak of the civil war, however, the tracks had been extended to Lynchburg, at which time the road was called the Alexandria and Lynchburg Railroad. About that time cotton began to arrive here via this road. The outbreak of hostilities brought the road's business to a close and it was seized by the government and held until the close of hostilities. After the war, John S. Barbour, having succeeded George H. Smoot as President, the Danville Extension was pushed.

This division is now part of the main stem of one of the greatest railway systems of our day, and its present head is arranging for connecting it with South America, at long distance from Gordonsville, its first objective point.

ELKS' MEMORIAL SERVICE.

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beautiful example of the Italian master's art. Fritz Giese, the solo cellist of the celebrated Mendelssohn Club, made many unsuccessful endeavors to purchase the instrument, but though generous offers were made, the elder Hildebrandt could not be induced to part with the cello. He revered the noble example of Italian art, and turned a deaf ear to many alluring offers. At his death the instrument was bequeathed to his son, Albert Hildebrandt, who as the third generation, continued the business at the Liberty street shop.

The old place was the rendezvous of many celebrated musicians, but its hallowed walls which had resounded the music of many first class artists had to make way for modern improvements and a change of location was necessary. Though more spacious surroundings are now to be met at 19 W. Saratoga street, the new place, too, has many of the traditional features which were so much appreciated by the musicians of former generations. Cellists of today, such as Leo Schulz, Willem Willcke, Paul Miersch, Bart Wirtz, Anton Urak, and a host of others delight in viewing the fine old instrument and lose no opportunity of playing upon it and testing it to the utmost.

Description of such an instrument as this needs to be given in detail; but in passing it may be mentioned that its striking features are the beautiful upper and lower tables, the wood being finely preserved and the original varnish left almost as intact as it was several centuries ago. The instrument is of the period of 1717. Its back is especially handsome, being of curly maple with the wood-figure standing out very prominently. The front, too, is attractive in its graining; the characteristic holes give that individuality which is at once noticeable in all real Strads. The original scroll peg-box and the old box-wood pegs have been retained, through the neck has been artfully changed to meet the more modern requirements of measure.

To attempt a description of the tone of this particular instrument would prove inadequate. Let it suffice to state that its rich, sonorous, and vital tone has been admired time and time again. The tone must be heard to be fully appreciated and its warmth and responsiveness must be demonstrated to show how quickly the tone can be gained, how very sensitive to the lightest touch of the bow the instrument is, and how resourceful in quality as well as quantity this tone really is. The harmonies speaks with the greatest ease and the peculiar flaw which so often abounds in cellos, that is, the poorly vibrating tone known as "the wolf note" fortunately does not appear in any part of the tone-register. The author of "Kathleen Mauvroun," Frederick Nicholls Crouch who was a Baltimorean, upon hearing this cello played wrote some stanzas in its praise, which he entitled: "An Impromptu! Suggested by a professional cellist, who brought with him a Strad." The poem is too long to be quoted, but its opening verse will show the admiration that the author meant to bestow:

"A player, who came with a Strad Proudly conscious the treasure he had Played upon it with skill His enjoyment his will! Making his listeners glad."

The player in the poem is the present owner, Albert Hildebrandt, who values these verses, which were written in 1896 shortly before the death of the famous ballad writer, as one of the highest tributes paid to this wonderful instrument.

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